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Identical letters dated 12 January 2003 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and to the President of the Security Council

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the daily report for 12 January 2003 on the activities of the inspection teams of the United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) in Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Activities of the UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams in Iraq

Inspection activities on 12 January 2003

1. IAEA inspection team

The inspection team, comprised of six inspectors, left the Al-Rashid airport in Baghdad at 1115 hours aboard three Bell 212 helicopters. It arrived at 1245 hours at the site of the Al-Hadr State Enterprise, an arm of the Military Industrialization Corporation (MIC) located in the Charquat region, some 300 kilometres north of Baghdad. In his report, the British Prime Minister, Mr. Tony Blair, had stated that this company was engaged in prohibited activities related to uranium enrichment. The team inspected the company's plants, asked questions about a facility for the production of nitric acid, and took photographs of the facility. The inspectors toured the buildings on the site aboard their vehicles and travelled along its streets. They conducted radiometric surveys using portable equipment designed to detect radioactivity. The team completed its assignment at 1445 hours and returned to the Al-Rashid airport at 1625 hours.

2. UNMOVIC biological weapons inspection team

(a) A first group, comprised of eight inspectors, left the Canal Hotel in Baghdad at 0840 hours and arrived at 0910 hours at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Baghdad, which comes under the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and is situated in the Bab al-Mou'azam district in Baghdad. The group met with the Dean of the Faculty and the representative of the National Surveillance Department and asked questions about their activities, the size of the student body and the staffing table of the microbiology division, as well as about the research carried out there, the names and scientific qualifications of faculty members, the budget of the division, the number of students enrolled in advance study programmes, the equipment that had been labelled and the changes that had taken place during the last four years. The group inspected the laboratories of the division and of the animal wing and asked questions about the activities carried out in the laboratories. The group completed its assignment at 1050 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1115 hours.

(b) The second group, comprised of 11 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0855 hours and arrived at 0920 hours at the Faculty of Pharmacology of the University of Baghdad, which comes under the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research and is situated in the Bab al-Mou'azam district in Baghdad. Upon arrival, the group was divided up into three smaller groups. The inspectors met with the Dean of the Faculty and asked questions about the institution's activities and about the various science divisions and the research carried on there. They also asked questions about the microbiology division, whether any research was being carried out on antibiotics and fungous poisons, the experiments conducted on laboratory animals and the number of buildings that the Faculty occupied. They

then inspected the laboratories and all the divisions of the Faculty and carried out a careful examination of the labelled equipment. The group completed its assignment at 1110 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1132 hours.

(c) The third group, comprised of two inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0840 hours and arrived at 0915 hours at the site of the technical equipment depots belonging to the air force and situated in the Al-Taji region, some 35 kilometres north of Baghdad. The group met with the official in charge of the depots and informed him of its intention to remove the seals and labels placed on one of the depots and photographed the seals and labels before removing them. The group completed its assignment at 0945 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1025 hours.

3. UNMOVIC chemical weapons inspection team

The team, comprised of 11 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0845 hours and arrived at 0910 hours at the site of the National Chemical and Plastic Industries, a mixed-sector enterprise situated in the Za'faraniya district of Baghdad. Upon arrival, the group was divided up into three smaller groups. The first group met with the director of the company, the plant manager and the officer responsible for liaison with the National Surveillance Department and asked questions about the date of establishment of the company, its sources of financing, its main products, divisions and product lines, as well as the number of owners of the company and the entity of which the company was a part. The inspectors also asked questions about the number of employees who had university or advanced diplomas in technical fields, the suppliers of raw materials and sources of imports, the entities that purchased the company's products, whether any of the production was exported and whether there was any cooperation between the company and other entities in Iraq or abroad. Finally, the group enquired about the water treatment plant and replies were received to all the questions asked. The three groups then inspected all of the company's facilities, production plants, depots and the water treatment plant. The team completed its assignment at 1230 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1315 hours.

4. UNMOVIC missile inspection team

(a) A first group, comprised of 10 inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0805 hours and arrived at 1005 hours at the Al-Rafah site, in the Amiriyat al-Falluja region, some 70 kilometres west of Baghdad. This site belongs to the Al-Karama State Enterprise, which is part of the Military Industrialization Corporation. The group's assignment was to observe the static tests performed on the motor of the Iraqi al-Somoud missile. The group took photographs of the tests and asked a number of technical questions about the procedure. The group completed its assignment at 1245 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1425 hours.

(b) The second group, comprised of seven inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0830 hours and arrived at 0940 hours at the Al-Motassem site, some 60 kilometres south of Baghdad. This site belongs to the Al-Rashid State Enterprise, which is part of the Military Industrialization Corporation. The group's assignment was to observe the static tests performed on the motor of the Iraqi al-Obour missile. The group completed its assignment at 1120 hours and returned to the Canal Hotel at 1215 hours.

(c) The third group, comprised of four inspectors, left the Canal Hotel at 0600 hours and arrived at noon at the missile site, in the district of Qorna (Basra governorate), where it placed labels on the Al-Fatah missiles. The group completed its assignment at 1400 hours and returned to the hotel in Basra.

5. UNMOVIC multidisciplinary (chemical, biological and missile) inspection team at Mosul

The team, comprised of 16 inspectors, left the Qasr Niniwa Hotel at 0905 hours and arrived at 0935 hours at the site of the Jaber bin Hayan State Enterprise, an arm of the Military Industrialization Corporation. Upon arrival, it was divided up into three smaller groups. The team met with the managing director of the company and asked questions about the company's sources of financing, its products and commercial markets, the types of products and the proportions destined for military and civilian uses, respectively, as well as about the changes that had taken place since 1998. It also enquired whether there had been an increase in production, where the company obtained its active carbon and the tests to which the carbon was subjected. It inspected the labelled equipment and the gas detector and performed maintenance work on the detector, which it removed and then replaced upon completion of that task. Finally, it inspected all of the buildings and divisions of the company. The team completed its assignment at 1545 hours and returned to the Qasr Niniwa Hotel at 1607 hours.

6. Remarks

The UNMOVIC and IAEA inspection teams today carried out inspections of nine sites. A total of 65 inspectors participated in the operations. In one of the operations, the inspectors used three helicopters and conducted radiometric surveys using portable equipment designed to detect radioactivity.